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1. THE EMBASSY REQUESTS REMOVAL OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN
ANNUAL FERTILIZER REPORT FOR FINLAND, DUE DATE MAY 25, ON
THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS:

--FERTILIZER IS PRODUCED IN FINLAND ONLY BY KEMIRA OY,
STATE-CONTROLLED MONOPOLY WHOSE POLICY IS NOT TO GIVE
OUT INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION AND PRICES TO A RIVAL
COUNTRY PRODUCING FERTILIZERS. COMPANY OFFICIALS ON WHOM
WE DEPEND FOR BULK OF THE INFORMATION IN THE REPORT HAVE
THEREFORE BEEN VERY UNCOOPERATIVE.

--FINLAND'S EXPORTS OF FERTILIZERS ARE NEGLIGIBLE, AND
IMPORTS CONSIST ONLY OF RAW MATERIALS, MAINLY FROM
THE SOVIET UNION AND SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

--SINCE THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR A FERTILIZER REPORT
FROM SWEDEN, IT SEEMS ODD THAT THIS EMBASSY SHOULD
SUBMIT ONE.

2. REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE CONCURS.

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